

## HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

BANK DEPOSITS  
IN 1915 INCREASE

Gain of Million and Half in 12 Months—Business Conditions Good.

Total deposits for the year 1915 will exceed those of 1914 by over a million and a half dollars, according to Myron Campbell, president of the South Bend Clearing House association. Figures available at this time show deposits, according to November statements of South Bend banks, to be upwards of \$13,500,000, while a year ago, at the same time, deposits were given at \$12,021,826.47.

Business in all lines is better this year, declares Mr. Campbell who is in a position to know financial facts from angles. And it is not so much because of the war, says the South Bend man, but owing greatly to psychological state, as well as of a strictly material cause and effect which is encountered every so often.

"There are periodical periods of depression," said Mr. Campbell in comparing conditions of this year and a year ago. "Over production is responsible, and one finds that when the manufacturers get rid of their surplus stocks, business booms again. It is the rise and fall of production and is governed by the manufacturers themselves."

Not the Sole Cause.  
"Periodical financial depressions have been common as long as I have been in business and longer, surely. Of course, the war has put men to work on lines formerly imported in this country, war orders have helped considerably, but they are not the sole cause of the present prosperity and the prosperity of 1915, by any means. As to the psychological part of it, less work for the relief committees to do, fewer unemployed, and other things along this line, cause an optimism hard to combat in talking against prosperity."

That the deposits of South Bend's merchants have grown at a rapid rate the past year was a statement made. This means a great deal: Prosperity in other lines; plenty of work and wages ample for the purchasing of goods; large factory orders making work plentiful. Last, but far from least, bumpy conditions in the rural communities, which, if any, had a reason to suffer from the weather of last summer.

Lost on Corn Crop.  
St. Joseph county agriculturists did lose to a great extent on their corn crops, this due to the cold weather of the summer and a failure of ripening. However, the softness of some of the corn caused little financial unrest in comparison with the success of other crops. "St. Joseph county farmers have no reason to feel other than prosperous," said Mr. Campbell.

"Deposits are indicative of better business everywhere," said Mr. Campbell. "Money is plentiful and there is not the trouble borrowing that we found a year ago. This means a great deal to the investor, large and small, and to the merchant with the heavy stock on his hands."

One item of South Bend's savings was seen in the Christmas club fund, which aggregated \$75,000. This fund was saved mostly by those with modest incomes and speaks a great deal for general conditions. It is pointed out this is but a percent of the deposits of employees in South Bend, and that, placed weekly with amounts averaging between five cents and three dollars it speaks plainly of other and greater general savings.

South Bend bankers questioned on the matter of business conditions here the past year spoke openly and clearly to the effect 1915 had been a come-back financially over 1914. The consensus of opinion is that this past year was no record breaker and that last 1914, though bettered by the 1915 reports, wasn't exactly an off year, except in so far as the periodical relaxation of effort on the part of manufacturers was concerned.

A report of financial affairs, sent annually to the state and national clearing houses follows:  
Clearings for the year 1915—January, \$6,299,401; February, \$5,344,622; March, \$6,166,404; April, \$7,827,998; May, \$7,355,104; June, \$7,132,799; July, \$7,571,717; August, \$6,298,936; September, \$7,629,245; October, \$7,400,890; November, \$7,943,077; December, \$7,944,782. Total, \$4,952,115.

Clearings for 1914 were \$78,643,928.  
Clearings for the week ending Dec. 31, are: \$500,531; \$382,475; \$253,211; \$252,150; \$241,308. Total, \$1,620,575. Clearings for the same week in December of 1914 were \$1,181,155.

Clearings for the month of December this year were \$7,941,782; for December of 1914, \$5,880,358.

**FIRE LOSS PUT AT \$250**  
Grocery Store at 730 Webster St., Is Damaged.

Fire at the grocery store and butcher shop owned by Martin Jub-wink, 730 Webster st., at 7:15 o'clock Friday morning caused \$250 damage to the building and its contents. An alarm from box 65 called central and hose Co. No. 4.

## County's Two New Officials



ARTHUR WOLFE.



BERT E. KLYSZ.

## THEATERS

## AT THE AUDITORIUM.

An exceptionally good bill, especially for children, is on at the Auditorium today, and includes "Hughey of the Circus," a two part Vitaphone comedy with Hughey Mack and Flora Finch in the cast; "The Baby and the Leopard," a Selig wild animal picture; "The Other Sister," a one act Lubin drama; "The Faith of Sonny Jim," featuring the clever child actor, little Bobby Connelly, and the Selig weekly of current events showing many scenes of interest including a big fire at Hope-well, Va., where one of the munition plants of the Dupont company is located; city of Lynn, Mass., distributing presents to 30,000 youngsters; most beautiful woman in Denmark, who has come to the United States; Australian boy scouts in New York; and a number of other equally as good subjects.

On tomorrow's bill are "The Golden Spurs," a two reel Selig drama; "Benjamin Bunter—Book Agent," a single reel comedy drama; "On the Eagle's Trail," a Selig western drama featuring Tom Mix; "Her Last Flirtation," a single reel comedy, and "Fate," a Biograph re-issue directed by David W. Griffith, with Mae Marsh, Lionel Barrymore and Robert Herron in the cast.

**AT THE COLONIAL.**  
"The Luring Lights" is the New Year's day bill at the Colonial theater. The story is one of the state and shows life as it is lived by those who are attracted by the glare of the footlights. Today's picture is the story of Anna, who lives with a harsh-tempered aunt, who eagerly seizes the opportunity of joining a repertoire company. She falls in love with Darnton, the "villain" of the stock company, and he over-comes the drink habit. Later, when the troupe returns to New York, Anna meets Rita. The girl makes the acquaintance of Marbridge, an agent of the worst type, and only her self saves her from the man.

Following a quarrel with Darnton, Anna foolishly consents to go on an automobile party with Rita and her associates. The machine goes over a cliff and Anna alone escapes death. A reconciliation with Darnton follows and both get places with a big New York show. Anna receives her great opportunity to make a name when the star, for whom she is an understudy, is injured. The manager learns of the love between Darnton and Anna and, fearing that it will spoil their acting, sends the

former to Chicago. Anna is so greatly depressed that Darnton returns to the company.

**AT THE ORPHEUM.**  
Final performances will be given today at the Orpheum of the vaudeville bill featuring a classy musical act; Busch brothers, the jolly tar comedians; Bert Melburn, black face monologist; William Morrow, in a comedy sketch; and Wilfred Dubois in an original juggling act.  
Beginning Sunday the new bill will feature B. D. Berg's classy musical comedy, "The Debutantes." Elaborate settings, unique costumes, talented singers and handsome girls makes this one of the delightful novelties of the season. On the same bill will be seen the Royal Italian quintet, in 12 minutes of grand opera. This act has received the highest praise throughout the country for the excellence of the production. One of the comedy features of the new bill will be Edwin George, who offers a burlesque juggling act that is said to be very amusing. Margon and Stuart present a comedy sketch entitled "A Jitney Banquet," and the Clairmont brothers will offer a comedy aerial revolving act.

**HELEN HOLMES**  
In the Great Railroad Film Novel  
"THE GIRL AND THE GAME"  
AT THE AUDITORIUM TODAY.

NOTED EVANGELISTS  
SECURED BY CHURCH

Will Assist Rev. John A. Alexander of First Christian Church.

Two noted evangelists have been secured by the official board of the First Christian church to assist the pastor, Rev. John A. Alexander, during the simultaneous revival campaign which begins in the city on Jan. 23.

Rev. Walter M. White, the advertising pastor of Cedar Rapids, Ia., who was president last year of the international general convention of the Disciples of Christ, will be the evangelist. Prof. W. E. M. Hackleman of Indianapolis will direct the choir. Rev. White has a write-up in the January number of the Ladies' Home Journal. He doubled the membership of the church at Cedar Rapids, Ia., in less than two years, and at the same time increased the Sunday school from 150 to 1,091 pupils.

Prof. Hackleman has an international reputation as editor and compiler of sacred music. He has been the chorus director in all the general conventions of the Disciples of Christ for a number of years.

## FOUR ARE UNABLE TO PAY

Many Accused of Intoxication Are Found Guilty.

Byron E. Smith, Howard Manny, Ray Goetz and George Gains, pleading guilty to intoxication were fined \$1 and costs each by Judge Warner in police court Friday. The four went to jail.

Louis Schmoel, also booked on an intoxication charge, and not guilty, according to his plea of Thursday, was placed on trial Friday, found guilty and fined \$25 and costs.

Gus Zine, arraigned on a drunk charge, entered a plea of not guilty and was bound over for trial. Bonds placed at \$25 were furnished.

Jacob Merncha, who entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of intoxication Monday, changed his plea to one of guilty Friday and was fined \$10 and costs. The fine was suspended.

## PROMISES TO LEAVE CITY

Several Cases Are Disposed of by Judge Warner.

Lizzie Hose, colored, promised to get out of town, and was given a suspended fine of \$10 and costs Friday when arraigned before Judge Warner in police court on a charge of prostitution.

John Janiak, held on two counts, and maintaining innocence to both, was found guilty both of being drunk and of carrying concealed weapons when arraigned for trial in police court Friday. He was given fines of \$1 and costs in each case, and the fine on the intoxication charge suspended.

The case against John McFarland, charged with defrauding a board bill, was dismissed from police court Friday by Judge Warner. McFarland paid the bill.

## ONE DELIVERY SATURDAY

Holiday Schedule Will Prevail at the Postoffice.

Regular holiday schedules will prevail at the postoffice on Saturday, New Year's day. There will be one regular delivery in the residence section and the down town carriers will make two morning deliveries. The regular holiday collections will be made in the business district.

There will be no rural delivery, but one carrier will be at the postoffice from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock to care for the country mail and to attend to rural patrons. The stamp, general delivery and registry windows will be open until 10 o'clock, while the money order and postal savings departments will be closed all day.

## BORROWED AUTOMOBILE

Court Suspends Fine After Two Are Found Guilty.

Jasper Frye and Archibald Sarker, charged with driving an automobile without permission of the owner, were given suspended fines of \$10 and costs, when arraigned before Judge Warner in police court Friday.

Roman Puta and Frank Makowski, charged with the theft of pigeons, also received suspended fines of \$10 and costs when arraigned before Judge Warner.

## COURT NOTES

## NEW CASES.

2674. Bertha A. Stanley vs. Lawrence E. Stanley. Divorce. Grounds abandonment, superior.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

2231. M. L. Brummitt vs. Andrew Kolischsch, quiet title, dismissed by plaintiff.

2234. M. L. Brummitt vs. Howard A. Emmmons, quiet title, dismissed by plaintiff.

2257. M. L. Brummitt vs. Edward Rurket, quiet title, dismissed by plaintiff.

2255. M. L. Brummitt vs. Elizabeth A. Powell, quiet title. Submitted to trial finding for plaintiff and title quieted.

2483. Dollie Stewart vs. I. L. Glazer, replevin, dismissed by plaintiff.

BRITISH CRUISER  
IS SUNK IN PORT

Natal Is Wrecked by Explosion—Four Hundred Are Reported Saved.

## International News Service:

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British cruiser Natal has been sunk as the result of an explosion on board, it was officially announced today by the admiralty.

The Natal was in port when she was destroyed.

In the official statement the admiralty described the cause of sinking as an "internal explosion." The Natal was a vessel of 13,550 tons.

Her armaments consisted of the following: Six nine-inch guns, singly in turrets, three forward and three aft; four 7.5-inch guns, singly in turrets amidships between the main turrets; 24 three-pounders, two machine guns and three 18-inch torpedo tubes.

Her crew consisted of 704 men. The Natal was built at Barstow, in Furness in 1904. She carried Krupp armor and had a maximum speed of 23.5 knots.

She was recommissioned at Sheerness in 1912 after being recomitted. The official statement of the admiralty which was issued through the press bureau said:

"His majesty's ship Natal, an armored cruiser commanded by Capt. Eric P. Black, R. N., sunk yesterday afternoon while in the harbor as the result of an internal explosion. Four hundred survivors are reported."

ROME, Dec. 31.—According to news from a neutral source the bulk of available Turkish troops are being concentrated on the Greco-Bulgarian frontier to cooperate with the Austro-Germans in the forthcoming attack on Salonika.

ALL SUNDAY'S METHODS  
ARE NOT APPROVED

Cardinal Gibbons Says He Was Misunderstood—Did Not Authorize Letter.

## International News Service:

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—Cardinal Gibbons today expressed sorrow that the "purport of his conversation with the Rev. Dr. George C. Peck regarding the Billy Sunday campaign was misunderstood," and declared that he had not "authorized the sending of letters to Catholic pastors asking prayer for the success of the coming campaign in Baltimore."

"I received Dr. Peck," said the cardinal, "very kindly, but gave no endorsement of Billy Sunday's doctrines or methods. While not condemning all of Billy Sunday's utterances and doctrines, and while not giving any explicit approval, I could not and cannot approve the blasphemous utterances, the coarse epithets and the theatrical antics of Mr. Sunday."

## ATTACK IS REPULSED

Germans Fail to Gain in Assault on French Lines.

## International News Service:

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The French war office today announced the repulse of an attack made last night by the Germans in the vicinity of Hill No. 193, which is situated near Tahure, in the Champagne region. The following communique was issued: "In Champagne the enemy attempted during the night to capture with a bomb attack a small telephone post toward Hill No. 193. The attack was completely checked. The night was comparatively quiet on the rest of the front."

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